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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte TETSUYA KAWAMOTO, HIDEKI YAMADA, HIROYUKI KOBAYASHI, MINORU SHIMADA KINGO OHMURA and ASAMI WAKABAYASHI

Application No. 09/543,653

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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on July 8, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

On June 30, 2005, appellants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). It is not clear from the record whether the examiner has considered this IDS as the Form 1449 listing the references has not been acknowledged.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for consideration of the IDS filed June 30, 2005, notification to appellants in writing of such consideration, and for further action as may be appropriate.

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